

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks made herein. Claims 52-55 and 57 are amended herein. Claim 56 is canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-16, 18-24, 26, 28-30, 34-42 and 44-51 are allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 52-55 and 57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,718,339 to Woodruff (hereinafter referred to as "Woodruff").

Claim 56 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim (claim 52), but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 52 to include all of the limitations of claim 56 and therefore amended claim 52 is allowable.

Dependent claims 53-55 and 57 each depend directly or indirectly from allowable independent claim 52 and therefore claims 53-55 and 57 are also allowable.

Claim Objection

According to the Office Action, claim 56 is objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim 52, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because Applicant has amended claim 52 to include all of the limitations of claim 56 rendering amended claim 52 allowable, dependent Claim 56 has been canceled obviating the claim objection.

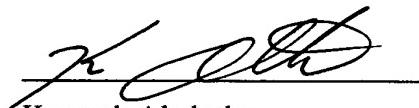
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Authorization To Charge Necessary Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional necessary fees associated with this submission, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Respectfully submitted,

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